

"If you fill about 2/3 of the cavity with the stuffing it will hang ample room to swell."

When done, the Chef himself admitted it was one of the handsomest roast ducklings he had ever seen. It looked regal indeed on the platter, with a garnish of orange and water-cress.

And the stuffing, "than full-filled our expectations."

Scald 1 qt. bottled or re-constituted evaporated milk. Measure yams 1/3 c. enriched butter 1/4 c. sugar, 2 tbsp. butter or margarine, 1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. powdered ginger. Mix and stir in the scalded milk. Cook over a water until beginning to thicken stirring occasionally. Then add 1/2 c. small raisins. Transfer to buttered or margined 8-ounce baking dish. Cover and bake 1 hr. in a slow-to-moderate oven. At the end of the first hour add 1/2 c. small raisins. Serve warm with the gravy.

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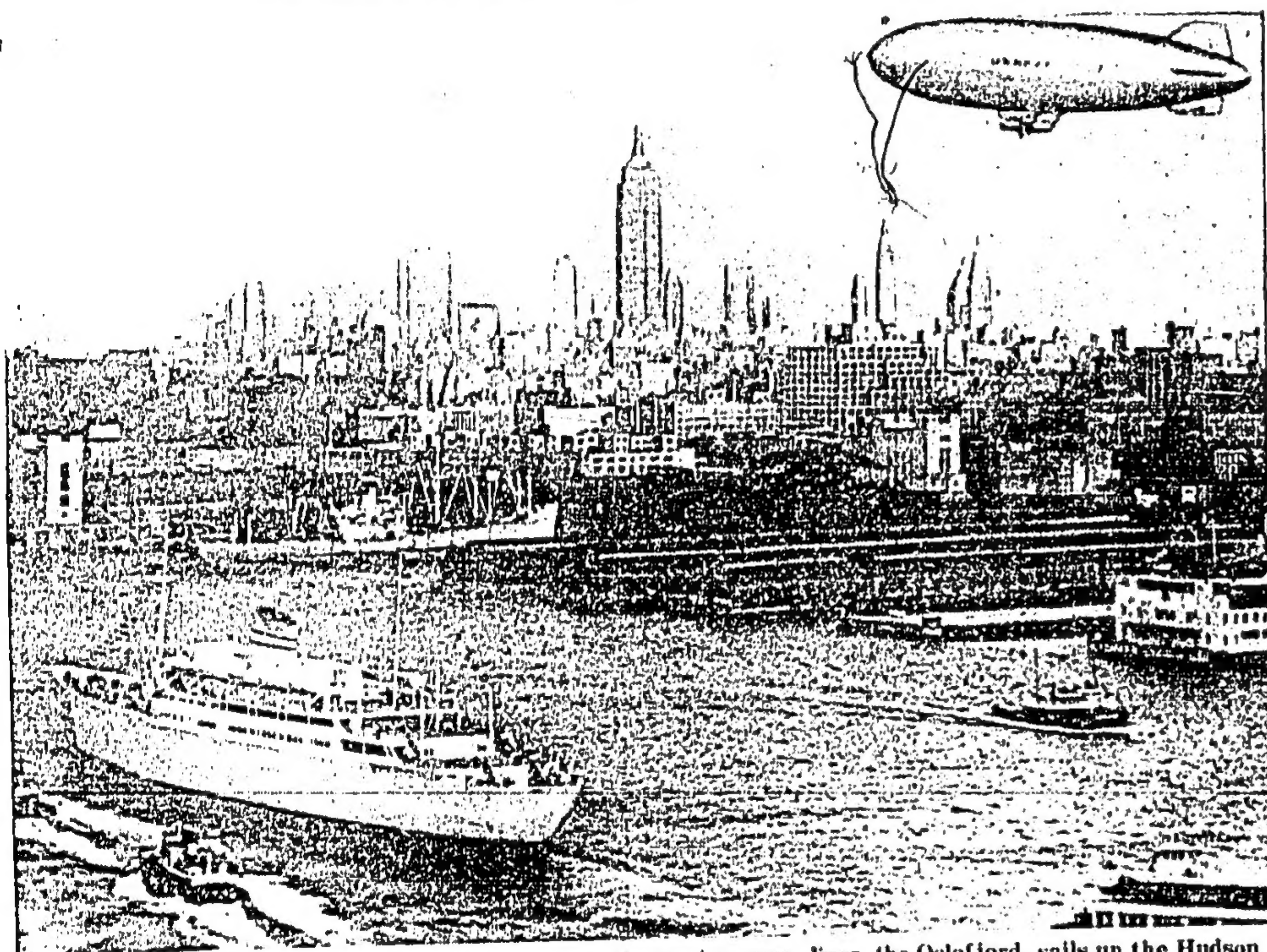
TWO OLD TIMERS—Thomas I. Spidell, 76, of Medford, Massachusetts, is a well-known authority on period furniture. He knows something about this ancient tankard, too. It was washed ashore from the wreckage of a ship blown up off Nova Scotia in 1813 to prevent capture.



REVERSING THINGS—When actress Neva Patterson went home to her New York apartment, she found her dog, Horace, overcome by gas fumes. Dogs usually do the lifesaving, and this groggy pooch looks grateful for being saved.



EGYPTIAN CELEBRATION—Commemorating the anniversary of the death of Mohammed Ali, founder of the Egyptian Royal Dynasty, these buglers in Cairo wear the uniform of that ruler's time. Behind them are soldier-musicians in present-day uniforms.



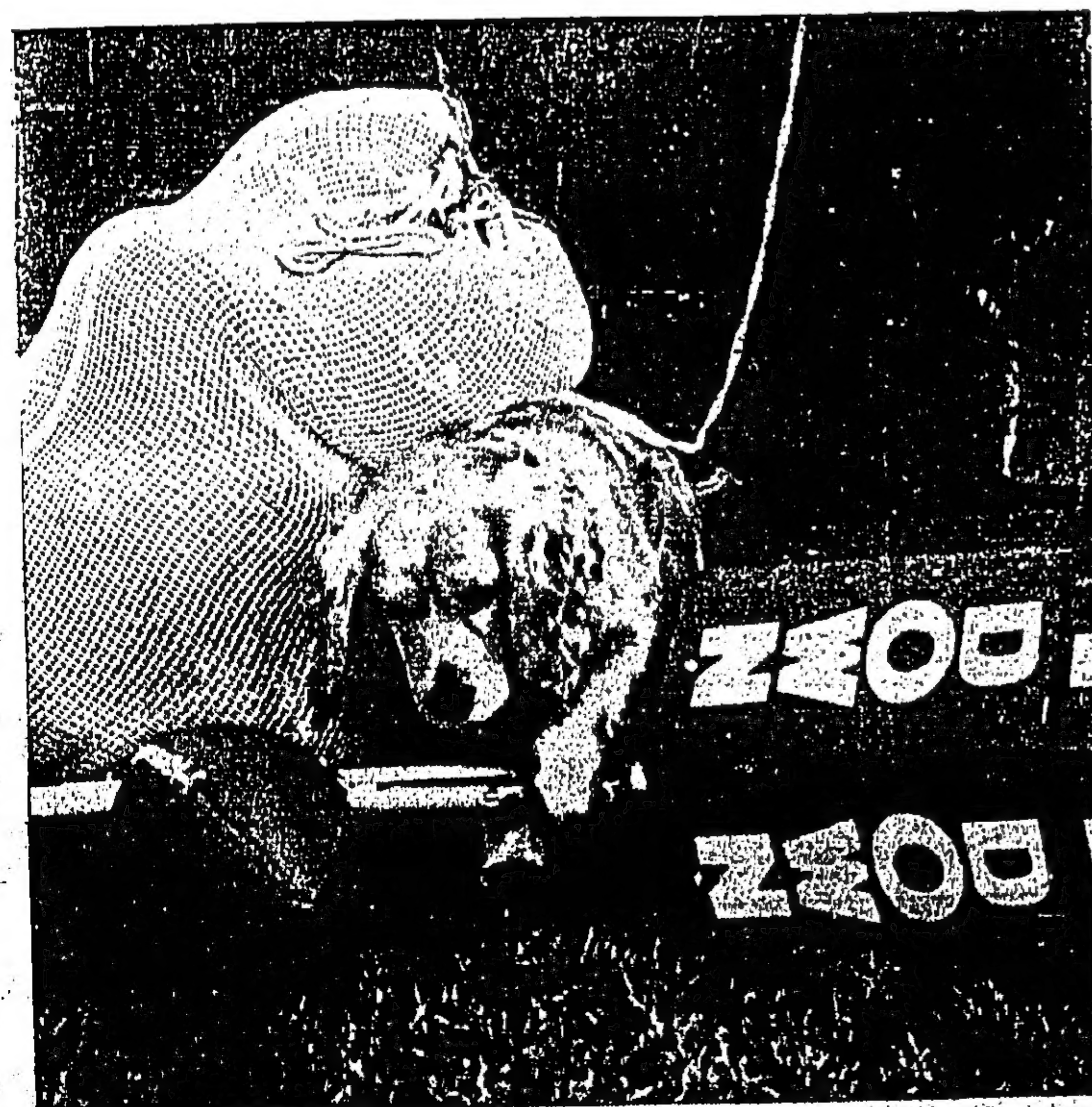
A WELCOME FOR A NEWCOMER—The newest Norwegian ocean liner, the Oslofjord, sails up the Hudson River at the completion of its maiden transatlantic voyage from Norway. The pearl gray and white, 16,500-ton diesel motorship is given a traditional New York Harbour welcome, complete with a dirigible overhead, as it passes the famous skyline.



SULTRY GAL—Actress Elizabeth Scott makes an attractive picture with a few effective props to indicate the holiday atmosphere.



BARGAIN HUNTERS—Merchants at Chicago's famed Maxwell Street open-air market find business more brisk than ever due to a pre-Christmas rush in the secondhand business. Bargain-seekers spend much time and energy discussing prices with the merchants.




WANTS TO PLAY—This eager pup tugs at his leash and sadly eyes the ball left by officials during half time at a football game in Seattle.



CAN'T GET LOST—Jochen Reinhardt, three-year-old German orphan, arrived at LaGuardia Airport, New York, well protected. The instructions directed him to his new parents in Falls Church, Virginia.



ONLY ONCE—Vivacious Simone Morin, 23, has been turning down jobs in leg shows in Paris. The little French actress says she wants no part of leg art, but longs to be on the legitimate stage. But just once—she poses this way.




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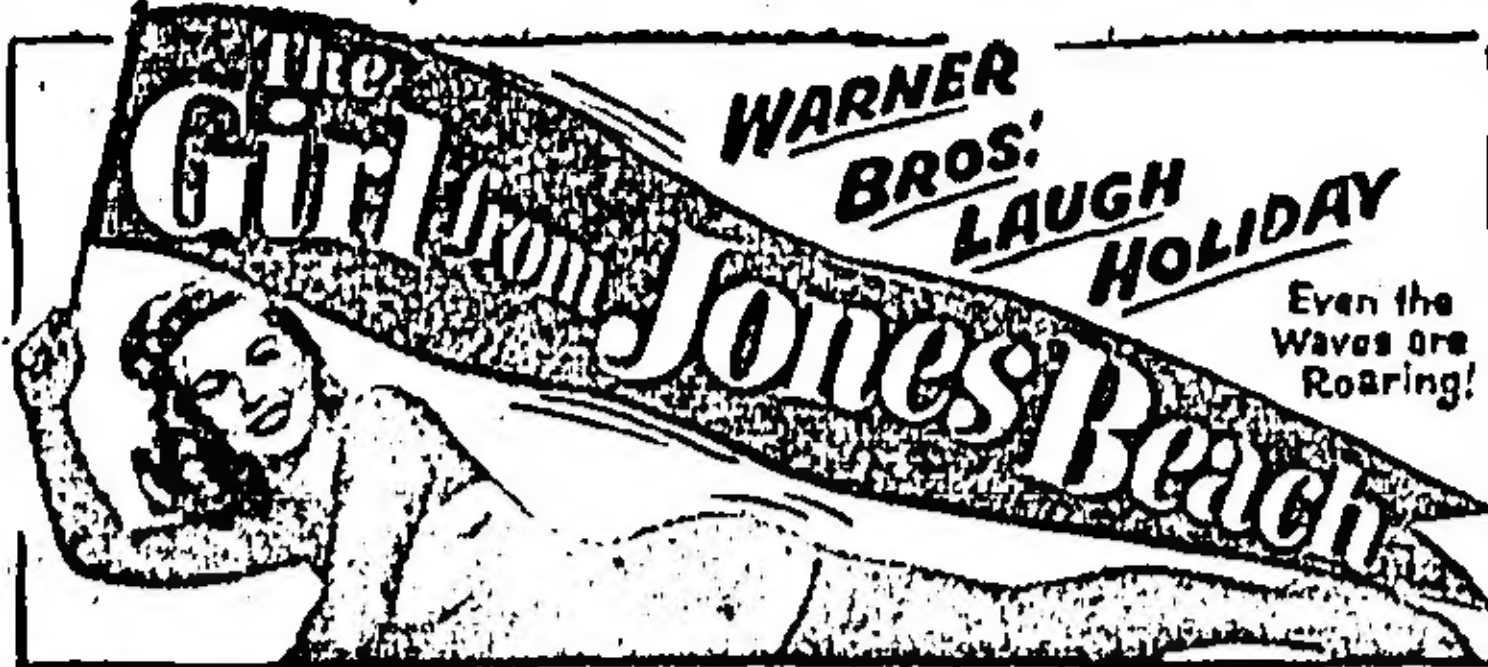
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Sitting on the Fence....

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE scene is an underworld parlour after supper the night before Christmas Eve. Stick Em Up Charlie sprawls in one fireside arm chair. His wife knits in the other.

MRS CHARLIE What time are you going out tonight?
CHARLIE No time. Night is that's three nights off in a week.

It's Christmas, ain't it?
Not yet, it ain't. There's people working overtime to buy a turkey and toys for the children.

I ain't got no luck lately.
It ain't luck you want. It's nerve. Why you can't even do a little day job now.

Who can't?
Who can away from a tall fall of dough when the old lady in the greengrocer's offered for the flatfoot?

You don't owe to bring that up.
I didn't want to, Charlie. But a wife as to criticise sometimes. That money would have bought toys for the Christmas tree.

You got a Christmas tree?
About all I have got. No turkey. No toys. No nothing. And the children dreamin' every night of Santa Claus.

Where's me gun?
Where it always is. In the corner with your mother's family album.

Leave the tea things out, I'll be back at four.
That's my Charlie boy. Wrap up warm with that chest of yours. And Charlie.

What?
No shoolin' if you can clip it. Remember it's Christmas.

Pistol for one

"When Molotov visited the White House, one of the valets was quite astounded to find inside his suitcase a large chunk of black bread, a roll of sausage and a pistol." From "This I Remember" by Eleanor Roosevelt.

THE valet need not have been surprised. Molotov was the victim of the Russian Propaganda Department (Decoying Capitalist Dogs and Cannibals branch).

This was the scene in the Molotov bedroom before he left for America. RMS. MOLOTOV (closing the last suitcase): Well, I think that's everything. MOLOTOV: Have you packed the black bread? Black bread, dear? Whatever for? Don't ask questions. Pack some sausage, too. But, darling, there's plenty of food in America. It's the best fed country in the world.

Don't you know walls have ears? You're not a boiler-maker, are you?"
"No, I'm not."
"Well, there you are. If they get in again only boiler-makers'll count. And if they get in a first time even the boiler-makers won't count!"
"Won't they?"
"Surely, the Government'll count. Just like Russia. Millions of dumb peasants ruled by a bunch of crooks. And what'll they do to you when that happens?"
"Don't know."
"Then'll shoot you. Tax you to the gutter first, shoot you afterwards. Believe me, you've got to fight."
"Have I?"
"Take the man who threw the bricks. Fight 'em. Otherwise people like you, people like me, people with brains, people who look up against the wall, bang, bang, bang. Professors, artists, writers, business men. All the lot. Bang, bang, bang. Haven't spoiled your lunch, have I?"
"Yes."
"Well, I must go now."
"Good."

In the club
"WELL, they've had the first shot fired at them."
"Who have?"
"The Government. The man who threw four bricks through the window. The man who was only the advance guard."
"Was he?"
"He was fed up with paying income tax and took some action. It's about time we all took action. I don't suppose you like paying income tax, do you?"
"No."
"That is if you can call it paying when they steal it from you. Government of pickpockets, that's all they are. Then they talk about incentive. Incentive for what?"
"I don't know."
"Incentive to work harder to pay more in taxes to finance their crackpot schemes. And when they talk about more pay for more work they don't mean you."
"They mean the manual workers, the factory workers, the new lords of creation."

These were his last words with himself—
"Where are you going?"
"Back." "Why?" "It just happens I want to go back." "It just happens I want to go on." "Stop pulling, will you?" "If you stop pushing." "You were

Infamous last words
A TWO-HEADED fresh water tortoise of the U.S. Aquarium has died of exhaustion following a bitter argument with itself. The unhappy creature "constantly quarrelled with itself over food, and would sometimes come to a frustrated halt while trying to go in two directions at once."

COMET CANNOT TOUR U.S.A.
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Frederick Cook in New York, writes: "Every airline executive in America, and thousands of fare-paying passengers are waiting to see the Comet."

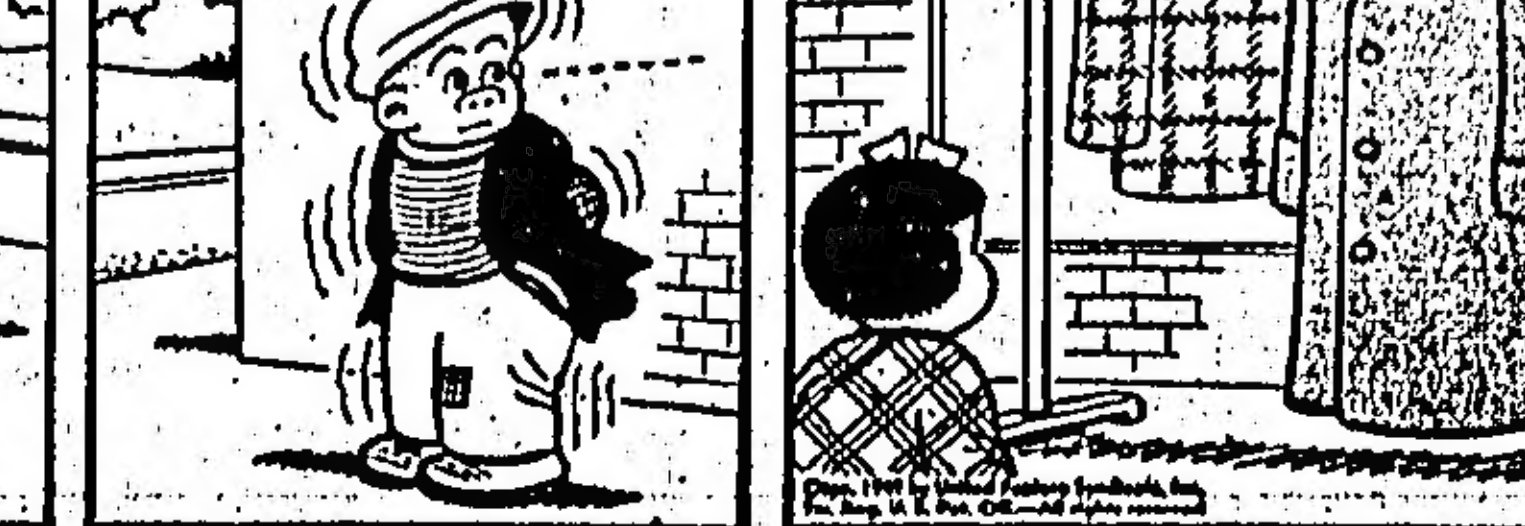
"British" air experts in the United States would like to see a flag-showing tour covering every major traffic-producing region in the United States and Canada.
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Another year
But without the Comet going to North America, the first order has been received from overseas. Canadian Pacific Airlines have ordered two.

By Ernie Bushmiller



Chapter 15 Of . . . The Greatest Story Ever Told

By Fulton Oursler

A NEW murmur ran through the court, some saying one way, some another. They no more agreed among themselves than had the witnesses. But Joseph went doggedly on.

"In the first instance," he argued, "Jesus is accused of announcing His intention of destroying the Temple and then restoring it by sorcery. In the second instance He is quoted as promising to restore the Temple if someone else destroyed it. Which, then, did He actually say? Certainly one of these witnesses must be wrong, and our law says that at least two witnesses must agree!"

Calphas, looking imploringly toward his father-in-law, had received an almost imperceptible signal. He gave vent to a deep breath of outraged annoyance, and answered: "Very well; there is no need to argue the point. Let us hear from another witness."

Now Jacob, the corn seller, was a man Calphas felt he could rely on, and he was there to be used in an emergency. Willingly Jacob slipped his thigh for the oath, answered the ritual questions, and was brought promptly to the point: he had been there in the Temple and he had heard what Jesus said.

"What, then, did He say?" "He said," replied Jacob, "that He would destroy the Temple and build it in three days." "These exact words: 'I am able to destroy the Temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

Calphas turned to the Sanhedrin with a vindictive smile. But now there was a deeper murmur, and Joseph of Arimathea was again on his feet.

"This," cried Joseph, "is confusion piled upon confusion. Here we have a third testimony and what we call a vain, useless one. This third witness now quotes the prisoner as saying: 'I am able to destroy this Temple.' This is not what the others said; not the same thing at all. The first testified to a threat—the third to a mere boast."

"Which is it then, threat or boast? Or was it anything at all? A man's life hangs on the answer. Our law requires that the witnesses must agree together. They have already disagreed. Calphas, you have produced no case against Jesus of Nazareth!"

"In all three testimonies," replied the high priest, in a shrill voice, "the witnesses agreed in one essential point: they all say three days do they not? Is not that agreeing together?"

Joseph smiled disdainfully. "That is reasoning for a Roman, but not for a Jew," he replied. "I remind you again, Lord Calphas, this man is on trial for His life. He is entitled to every protection the law affords."

"Certainly you are very active on His behalf," observed Calphas with an acid glance. "It is my duty and yours to be active on His behalf," Joseph returned. "No, Calphas, as I told you before, you have not made out a case against this man. Furthermore, I see a

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witness over there anxious to be heard. Let us hear him." Calphas, turned brusquely. Standing near to the prisoner was a stout, pale man, eyes shining with extraordinary brilliance.

"I asked," he faltered in a nervous voice; "that the questions be put to me. I have already been before the Committee."

With patience that lacked all grace, Calphas applied the ritual to the stranger. His name was Benjamin, also of King David Street.

"Well, Benjamin, what have you to testify here?" Benjamin sank to his knees, picked up the dusty robe of the prisoner and kissed its hem.

A Hush
"I WAS blind," he said. "He put some clay on my eyes after mixing it with His spittle and when He took the clay off, I was healed."

Calphas shook his finger in the face of the witness. "Get up, you really know?" "One thing I know," reiterated Benjamin. "Once I was blind and now I can see."

There was a hush in the trial room; something in the manner of this witness filled them with belief. They turned to look at Jesus with new interest. Could it be possible?

Calphas lifted his well-lended hand and guards hustled the witness off. "There is no value in such an interruption," he complained angrily. "No value whatever. We are not here to decide whether this accused man is a physician or is not a physician. The question is clear enough: is He, or is He not, a blasphemer?"

"You have yet to prove it," said Joseph. A vociferous shout from the assembly reinforced the objection. Calphas saw then, if he had not realised it before, that not he nor his great father-in-law, anyone else, held the ancient Tribunal of Israel in his pocket. These judges were not to be ruled except by law.

As the confusion grew, another of the judges, Nicodemus, stood up from among the elders and clapped his hands for a sign that he wanted to be heard.

"That Is The Law"
"MARK you this, my lords," Nicodemus declared. "If you attempt to limit the blasphemy charge against this prisoner to the subordinate charge of prophesying, how can you ever prove the man a false prophet? You can't possibly do it until the Temple is destroyed. If, then, Jesus of Nazareth fails to rebuild it in three days, then and then only He proves to be a false prophet. That's my law, my Lord, and we are bound by it."

And as Nicodemus sat down, Joseph of Arimathea rose again. "My Lords," he said, "I propose that we dismiss Jesus of Nazareth here and now, and let Him go His way!"

As Joseph of Arimathea sat down, he saw many approving headshakes. As yet there was certainly no majority for conviction. Only momentarily disconcerted, Calphas again lifted his right hand, Annas having just left his side.

"My Lords," began Calphas, "it is true that under our law the least discord between the evidence of witnesses is held to destroy its value in so solemn an issue as we are now trying. However, this does not mean that the entire case against this prisoner can be thrown out. Moreover, we have more evidence to bring. I charge, that this man claims to be the Messiah all Jews have waited for, the Christ. That is His claimable crime and now He must answer for it."

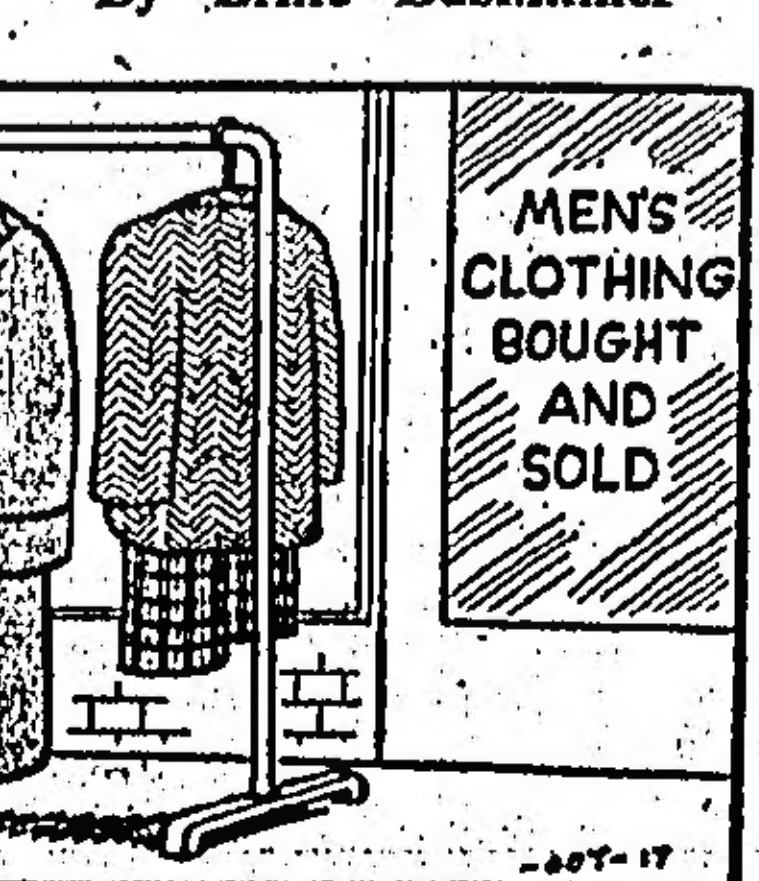
Both Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea were on their feet, clamouring to be heard. "You are changing the very ground of the accusation during the course of the trial," shouted Nicodemus. "That is unjust."

Before Calphas could attempt an answer, old Annas rose again and took over. Very straight he was, in his physical slenderness, standing in that vast public chamber, the incarnation of the elder statesman, the voice of authority and experience. He began crisply, "We are here

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NANCY

Taking the Wrap



Last-Minute Policy Talks In Washington

TRUMAN MEETS HIS ADVISERS BEFORE CONGRESS SESSION

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Truman and his Democratic Congressional leaders this morning held a last-minute conference on Party policies for the second session of the 81st Congress, which opens tonight.

Political observers predicted that it would be a "rough and tumble" session with fights on major points of the President's fair deal programme, and strong demands for economy cuts in foreign aid and Government spending.

Kiddies' Day At KCC



The annual children's sports meeting, one of the big features of the Kew-Crescent Club calendar, was held on New Year's Day at the Club and was largely attended by youngsters and their parents. A wonderful time was enjoyed. This picture shows two little competitors, one a "fall out" in one of the events.

Staff Photographer.

The Greatest Story Ever Told

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to exonerate him best later on, trying to turn around at the worst time we know. The blasphemy. The accusation that the prisoner pretended to be the Messiah is merely a further claim in the "milk" ment.

No one dared to challenge this opinion. Anna was their supreme, most respected, and powerful adviser.

The new witnesses were called. Simon, the wet-footed watchman from the Church of David, Ezra ben Tobiah, the one with the sweet singing voice, and Chaila of Bethany, a neighbour of Mary and Martha. They slapped their thighs, or raised their hands, according to preference, and to them were put the regulation questions. Then they gave their evidence.

And more than that he became clear that something was amiss.

For Simon testified that Jesus had called himself the Son of God, but Ezra swore he had called himself the Son of Man. And Chaila declared that he had once heard Jesus ask his disciples how public men called him and what they said of him; Chaila had overheard him inquire if men thought he was the Christ.

Caiphus was in the same dilemma as before, heads of angry sweat glistened on the cheeks of the high priest and rolled down to dampen the ringlets of his whiskers as he bowed to consult Anna.

TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW

WAFDIST PARTY

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must receive at least one more than half the total votes cast. This second ballot, it had been estimated, would be required for anything from 100 to 150 constituencies, which would then see straight fights between today's two leading candidates.

The candidates included 365 Independents and 300 Wafdist, or People's Party members. At least three were fighting most seats and in some up to six. Of 21 returned unopposed, 10 are Wafdist and six Independents. —Reuter.

Indonesia Invited To ILO Talks

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The Director-General, Mr. David A. Morse, replied that as the Dutch still retained control over part of the Indonesian archipelago New Guinea they would send a delegation.

The Polish delegate was the only member to oppose the motion, but he did not reveal the reasons for his objection. The motion was carried by 17 votes to one. —Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I don't see why you have to take shells when you go hunting—you never hit anything!"

Firemen Fight Flames In Heart Of London



Bufs Hold Farewell March

Lancashire Due To Sail Today

Bufs held a farewell march for the 1st Buffs, which is due to sail today. The march was held in the city of London, and was attended by a large number of people.

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VICE-CONSUL LEAVING

A large number of friends gathered at 15 Peak Mansions, residence of Mr and Mrs F. von Oren, last night to say farewell to Dr and Mrs Paul Renard, leaving the Colony for Bangkok.

Dr de Lavallette, who is Vice-Consul for the Netherlands, has been transferred to the Bangkok Legation.

Last night's function took the form of a supper dance, the hosts being Mr and Mrs F. von Oren, Mr and Mrs J. J. Derschow, Mr and Mrs W. Coria and Mr and Mrs D. J. Steyn Parve.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unregistered letters only for Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tientsin and North China can be accepted at senders' risk, and will be forwarded by air.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles may be sent by air. Closing times by sea: Hong Kong, 11 a.m.; Canton, 11 a.m.; Swatow, 11 a.m.; Amoy, 11 a.m.; Shanghai, 11 a.m.; Tientsin, 11 a.m.; North China, 11 a.m.

Firemen Stand Aligned Against the Flames

Firemen stand aligned against the flames which destroyed a warehouse underneath the Covent Garden flower and fruit market in London last month. The fire, which burned for 20 hours before being brought under control, was London's worst for many years.

TAIWAN'S BUDGET BALANCED

Taipei, Jan. 3.—Mr H. C. Jen, the Finance Commissioner here, assured the Press in a New Year's Eve conference that the budget of the Taiwan Provincial Government was definitely balanced.

He named the total receipts for 1949 as TW\$40,000,000 and expenditure as TW\$40,000,000. Both figures are in local currency.

For 1950, total budget receipts are estimated at TW\$40,000,000 and expenditure at TW\$40,000,000.

The rate issue stood at TW\$100,000,000 at December 30, 1949.

Mr Jen claimed that the New Taipei currency now in use was backed by a 100 per cent reserve and was convertible in gold through the gold exchange scheme.

Mr Jen told the Press that drastic measures to stabilize prices would be put into effect this year.

He did not make very clear how much money the Provincial Government had been paying out to cover the Central Government's expenses in Taiwan, but what he did say clarified the fact that the Taiwanese were only responsible for a limited amount of "defence, material and highway repairs on the island." —Reuter.

"Living Buddha" On "Tragic Ravage" Of Reds

Taipei, Jan. 3.—Changchia Hutukhtu, "Living Buddha" and the Inner-Mongolian spiritual leader of more than 20,000,000 followers, today charged the Chinese Communists with leaving a trail of "tragic ravage" in the great monasteries in Mongolia, Kansu and Chinghai provinces.

Changchia, taking refuge from the Communists here, in an exclusive interview with the United Press conducted in Mandarin, mourned that Buddhism in China "confronted unprecedented destruction the worst in its history."

The "Living Buddha" who is chairman of the Chinese Buddhist Association, also charged that the Soviets ruthlessly denuded Mongolia when they invaded out after V-J Day. One of the greatest Soviet crimes was driving it to Siberia, uncounted thousands of soul-bearing animals, sheep, goats, yaks, depriving millions of peasants of their means of livelihood.

Changchia said: "There is no freedom of belief, whatsoever under totalitarian rule. Unless all democratic countries in the world who believe in God bend their knees in supplication, the only scheme."

N.Y. Temperature Record

New York, Jan. 3.—Early this afternoon the temperature in New York reached 15 degrees Centigrade (59 degrees Fahrenheit), breaking a 37-year-old record for the day.

But 45 degrees below zero Centigrade was registered at Helena, Montana, in the far West. Snow ploughs were trying to open blocked roads in Utah. —Reuter.

Fighting Reported In Java

Jakarta, Jan. 3.—Reliable sources said tonight that a bitter battle was raging in central Java between Moslem extremists and Indonesian Republican forces.

It is the first outbreak of violence since last week's transfer of sovereignty to the Republican Government.

These sources said that fanatical Darul Moeslem, 1,000 strong, had occupied public buildings in the town of Brebes, 25 miles east of Cheribon, but had been thrown out of the town after heavy fighting last night.

The battle was resumed today, they said, and communications with Brebes were cut. Military sources said that other parts of the country were quiet, and that the outbreak seemed to be localised. Republican reinforcements are said to be gathering at Semarang, but no confirmation of the fighting has come from the Indonesian Ministry of Defence.—United Press.

Tramway Dispute As Before

No further developments have taken place in the Tramways dispute. Mr C. S. Johnston, the assistant manager, said this morning that nothing whatever had happened since the receipt of the workers' letter inviting the appointment of prominent members of the community to mediate in the matter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 530, "Hongkong Calling" — Programme summary: 6.02, Otto Debrindt and His Piano Symphonists; 6.10, Light Orchestra Selections by London Promenade Orchestra and Charles Kullman (Tenor); 6.40, Ital Lorenza at the Piano (Studio); 7.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, "Much Binding in the Marsh" with Kenneth Horne and Richard Murdoch; The Dance Orchestra conducted by Charles Shadwell; (BBCTS); 7.45, "Generally Speaking" — Three Journeys by Peter Fleming No. 2, "Excursion to Norway" (London Relay); 8.00, "From the Editor's" (London Relay); 8.10, "Services Spotlight" — Concert by the Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers (Relay from the Nine Dragons Club, Kowloon); 8.25, Interlude; 10.00, Radio Newsweek; (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.15, "French Cabaret"; 10.45, Recital by Rudolf Serkin (Piano); 11.00, Songs from "Babes in the Wood" (London Relay); 11.15, Weather Report, World and Home News from Britain; (London Relay Recorded); God Save the King; 11.30, Close Down.

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Singapore (Straits)	16.54
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Democratic Side Of Chinese Communist Party

Despite totalitarianism in state rule, the democratic spirit prevails within the Chinese Communist Party, writes Chang Kuo-sin, United Press correspondent who came to Hongkong recently from Shanghai.

The Chinese Communist Party, like its counterparts in other countries, is tightly-organised, requiring absolute obedience and discipline from its members. But party decision and action are always preceded by democratic discussion.

Its democratic spirit is best demonstrated by mutual and self criticism, confession, repentance and pardon.

In the administrative office, the subordinate obeys his superior, but in the "learning" or "work-review" meetings, held virtually every day after or before office hours, rank is forgotten. All are comrades on an equal footing, and an orderly free to criticise his army commander if he is wrong.

Even Mao Tse-tung, the undisputed leader of the party, is not exempt. Chou En-lai, in a speech in Peking revealed that Mao had been severely criticised many times in the old Yenan days.

"Work-review" meetings are said to be an effective weapon in boosting organisational and administrative efficiency and also in boosting fighting morale in the army. Communist sources said that after every battle, meetings are held between officers and men to discuss the strategy followed.

OFFICERS REMOVED

These sources said that many officers were removed because their men complained of bad leadership, and many men were known to have displayed a lack of valour after they were branded cowards at the meetings. One source said General Chen Yi, Third Field Army commander, once shed tears in apology and repentance when his men flayed him with good reason for faulty tactics in a certain action.

The average Communist is imbued with a huge amount of sporting spirit. He does not feel hurt when criticised by his comrades, nor does he hesitate to criticise himself, confess and repent when he makes a mistake. In Nanking, the manager of the Communist Trade Bureau flitted with a Communist girl in his office and used the office jeep too often for private parties. He was immediately criticised and was dismissed for harbouring petty bourgeois thoughts.

Confession is an extension and when made immediately after an offence the offender usually has only to make a public apology.

LONG DAY

Thus, in Nanking, the newspaper reader comes across daily advertisements of apology issued by black market dealers and other lawbreakers. Twelve pro-Kuomintang professors of Nanking University (formerly the National Central University) were reinstated after they confessed their "reactionary" thoughts to a joint meeting of the faculty staff and students.

These democratic practices are, in effect, a process for purging the party of diversionism. They mean inevitably frequent and long meetings. Consequently, in addition to the normal eight office hours, the average Communist member has to put in another three to four hours a day for meetings. The common daily routine of a Communist official is: Up at 6 a.m.; "learning" meeting at 6.30 a.m.; office, 8-12 noon and 1-5 p.m.; "work-review" meeting, 5-7 p.m. till sometimes midnight.

The average Communist member, probably because of his political training, is a long-winded speaker. A speech always lasts at least two hours. A shorter speech is a rarity and a longer one is commonplace. The longest speech known to the public was the one made by Chou En-lai at the meeting of the Preparatory

Committee of the National Scientists' Association, which ran over seven hours with only 10 minutes interval.

SHORTAGE OF STAFF

The Chinese Communists are now faced with a serious problem of shortage of personnel in running the expanding areas under their control. The shortage is aggravated by their reluctance to employ "outsiders" because of their suspicion of non-Communists. In the newly-occupied territories, they are solving the problem by making one department do the work of several, and one man do the work of several men.

The Communists have established training camps of "universities" in practically all the major cities to train non-Communist cadres for administrative and technical jobs. These "universities" are essentially political indoctrination centres in the eyes of the Communists. Above experience and technical ability, the emphasis is on political loyalty and public service.

At the present time, the Communists are drawing upon their manpower resources in the old "liberated" territories to run their expanding domain. In some old liberated areas, there is a thinning out of staff. In others, there is a heavy influx of cadres. In the latter case, the cadres are being trained in the villages, and are being sent back to the villages to work with the people.

ILLITERATE OFFICIALS

These village cadres are mostly raw country boys, who though firm and thorough in their devotion to revolutionary ideals are however of a low educational and intellectual level. Some of them, now heading large administrative departments in the newly-occupied areas south of the Yangtze River, cannot even read, like some of the judges in the Nanking People's Court.

They are usually instructed in their knowledge of the outside world by the cadres of the Communist Party. Some Communist cadres went to Shanghai with the belief that the atomic bomb does not exist because they were told by the cadres, by their political consciousness that it was merely imperialist propaganda.

Some of the Communists are so over zealous in their devotion to revolutionary ideals that they sometimes unconsciously encourage lawlessness. This is especially evident in their sponsorship of the cause of the poor. The following are two instances to illustrate this point.

TWO INSTANCES

1. The owner of a timber shop in Nanking one day caught a burglar. He took him to the police station. The next morning a police officer came back with the burglar and asked the owner to employ him, saying: "He steals because he has no money. He has no money because he has no employment. So if you give him a job he won't steal any more."

2. Last June a crowd of poor men and women forced their way into a construction project to collect pieces of wood and other odds and ends. The gate-keeper could not stop them. So he reported the pilferage to a Liberation Army guard. The guard, however, told him to be calm, saying: "You have lots of wood. They are poor people. There's no harm in giving them some of your wood." United Press.

Colony's New Hospital



The Hongkong Central Hospital, situated next to the Bishop's House, was opened on Sunday last. Here can be seen the X-ray room and equipment. In the picture is Dr S. Y. W. Ha, Radiologist and Electro-therapist.—Staff Photographer.

Union Of Jordan, Arab Palestine Said Proceeding

London, Jan. 3.—The London Times stated in an article today that the union of Jordan and Arab-held Palestine "has certainly been proceeding smoothly and without external fuss for some time."

The article, entitled "The Arabs in Palestine: Relations With Israel Weakened By Family Feuds," by The Times' special correspondent in Jerusalem, observed that Arab Palestine was desperately poor in spirit as well as in natural resources.

NEW DANGER TO BIDAULT GOVERNMENT

Paris, Jan. 3. M. Georges Bidault's two-month old Coalition faced a new danger today when the Assembly resumed its debate of a bill to free wages from Governmental control.

The debate is not expected to get into its third week. Thereafter, observers considered, the bill might prove more dangerous to the Government than the 1949 budget bill which was passed last week.

The bill is expected to be passed by a narrow margin, and the Government is expected to have a difficult time in the Assembly. The bill is expected to be passed by a narrow margin, and the Government is expected to have a difficult time in the Assembly.

But it has two controversial clauses. The first is a clause which would allow the Government to appoint and dismiss judges by a simple majority vote. The second is a clause which would allow the Government to appoint and dismiss judges by a simple majority vote.

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To Hear Appeal Of U.S. Reds

New York, Jan. 3.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today agreed to hear next June the appeals of the 11 Communist Party leaders convicted of conspiracy to teach the forcible overthrow of the United States Government.

If the Appeals Court upholds the convictions, the Communists can take the case to the Supreme Court. A Supreme Court decision would probably not be given before 1951. Meanwhile, the Communists, sentenced to prison terms up to five years, following their conviction last October, are free on bail.—Reuter.

S. Africa's Bigoted Nationalism

Nagpur, Jan. 3.—The Rev. Michael Scott, spokesman of the South West African tribes, today declared that if the "narrow bigoted nationalism" of the South African Government continued, "civilisation is doomed to destruction."

Mr Scott said, in an interview after attending the World Pacifists' Conference at Swagart, that he had given an account of the situation in Southwest Africa to the Conference.

The delegates to the Conference discussed the problem of colonialism and adopted a resolution sponsored jointly by Mr Scott and another delegate. The resolution called on world pacifists to identify themselves with the need of oppressed people for self-determination and to encourage them in non-violent resistance to injustice.

Mr Scott said he thought that opinion in Britain was "beginning to realise the danger of South Africa's policy. I do not think Britain can go on supporting South Africa."

Mr Scott is meeting the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, this week and will visit Pakistan later.—Reuter.

W. GERMAN DRIVE FOR TOURISTS

Frankfurt, Jan. 3.—West Germany has launched a full-scale drive to attract hundreds of thousands of foreign tourists, particularly Americans, in 1950.

German travel agencies hope to lure at least 200,000 American visitors. They expect the Americans to spend \$50,000,000. Last year about 150,000 foreign visitors came to West Germany.

Heading the drive is the German Tourist Central Board here. The main problem of German tourist and travel agencies is the scarcity of hotel accommodation. To ease this, the Government has set up a "Tourist Information Office" to help tourists find accommodation.

Another move is the forthcoming opening of a German tourist information office at New York.—Reuter.

Marooned By Snowfalls

Goldbridge, British Columbia, Jan. 3. Trains loaded with flour and food rolled into this valley community 140 miles or so north of Vancouver, and the New Year was celebrated the way it should have been three days ago.

Goldbridge's 1,500 residents had been marooned since Thursday night by record snowfalls and temperatures colder than any in memory. The road to the outside world was opened today.—Reuter.

RACE APART

"The refugees are as a race apart. Fed and sheltered by the United Nations and the International Red Cross, they place little strain on the economy. In fact, they provide another source of income, which is probably as large as that derived from the smuggling trade. Misuse of refugee rations was to be expected, and probably it is no greater in Palestine than in other Arab countries."

"The refugees could remain secluded—a political weapon to be wielded at future negotiations on Palestine—but they would sullenly deteriorate beneath their roiling tent roofs, slowly compelling everything and everybody who has escaped from the recent debacle."

"Only the most energetic measures, such as recommended by the Economic Survey Mission, could save them and Arab Palestine. Certainly there does not appear to be sufficient Palestinian leadership to initiate such a measure," the article declared.—Reuter.

Aga Khan In Bombay

Bombay, Jan. 3.—The Aga Khan and his wife arrived here tonight after an absence of about four years. His Highness, who is head of the Ismaili Khoja community of Moslems, is visiting India for the first time since its independence.

He told newsmen that during a short stay in India he hoped to meet the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, but added he had no special mission. Replying to a question about his reported intention to seek Iranian citizenship, the Aga Khan said: "I was born in Iran. I have got my interests in Iran and I am naturally a subject of Iran. There is no special seeking for that citizenship.—Reuter."

POCKET CARTOON



Madrid Cabbies Resume Work

Madrid, Jan. 3.—Madrid taxi drivers went back to work today after defying General Franco's ban on strikes for over 12 hours.

The authorities promised to consider their case against new laws which prevent them getting petrol at cut prices.—Reuter.

NOTICE

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children will be held at St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 1950.

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Traffic On Danube

Vienna, Jan. 3.—For the first time since the end of the war, Russia has opened the Danube for Yugoslav freight shipments to Western Germany. American sources said here today.

The first shipment of 2,700 tons of pyrites reached Linz yesterday after passing through Hungary and the Russian zone of Austria.

The two motor launches, flying Yugoslav flags with six barges tied behind, will reach Passau, on the Austro-German frontier, tomorrow.

On their return trip they are expected to carry Ruhr coal to Yugoslavia.



"Looky, Sylvia, there's enough here to pay for the tender."